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I only get three weeks’ holiday a year so I always choose the places I go to carefully. I try to go to places with dramatic scenery … and unusual places. It can take time to get to these, but it’s generally worth it. I’ve visited a few ice hotels in my time in Scandinavia, but Hotel de Glace is something special. It’s a real work of art. The furniture and fittings are all made of ice – there’s even an ice chandelier in the lobby – and the walls are decorated with pictures carved out of the snow. Once the sun goes down and all the coloured lighting is switched on, the effect is stunning. But … there is a but, I’m afraid – as a place to get a comfortable night, I’m not sure I’d recommend it. I know it sounds obvious, but the place is really cold. Unless you have a sauna before going to bed, you’ll probably wake up in the night feeling chilly, even in the special minus 40 degree sleeping bags you are given. I guess it’s a bit like high class camping, if you like that kind of thing.